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REMARKS

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1. During the morning of 6 March and throughout 7 March 1952, jet aircraft practiced strafing firing at targets in a large meadow which extended from the northern edge of Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen airfield to Hedde-min. One plane had 25X1 a two-man crew. The sod in the meadow was cut in the shape of six planes in echelon formation. The aircraft took off in groups of four and flew in an echelon type formation. After the take-off, the planes circled over the target area in search of the target. When the target was located, the first plane dived without firing and then zoomed up again. After it had resumed its position in the formation, the four planes attacked the target in rapid succession. An ordinary truck with a radio installation was 250 to 300 meters from the ground targets; Soviet soldiers were on top of the truck. On 6 March, the aircraft alternately took off in groups of four at intervals of about 30 minutes. On 7 March, there was firing at a sleeve target by jet aircraft for about three hours. The sleeve target was towed on a rope about 200 meters long. The four planes were flying in a staggered formation. After about three hours the towing plane disappeared toward the south. On 8 March, firing at a sleeve target was practiced at a very high altitude.

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2. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 7 March, there was intensive flying by MiG-15s at the field. The weather was cloudless, and there was a slight frost. The planes took off individually and in formations of two and four. Their average flight time was 30 minutes. The aircraft practiced low-level attacks at simulated ground targets in the woods near Buchhof. They approached at a high altitude and then dived at the target one after the other, firing a burst from a machine gun. This practice lasted up to 2 p.m. Shortly after 2 p.m., a MiG-15 engaged in aerobatics over the field. The skill displayed by the pilot was excellent. At 1 p.m., a twin-engine mono-plane which towed a sleeve target was observed over the field. At 2 p.m., 12 MiG-15s 25X1 were parked at the field.

3. Between 8 a.m. and noon on 8 March, there was only a little flight activity by MiG-15s in clear weather. The aircraft took off individually and climbed so high that only their exhaust trails could be observed. Each plane remained aloft for about 30 minutes. On 10, 11 and 12 March, no air activity was observed. On 12 March, no jet aircraft were noticed at the field. One of the two hangars which had been previously occupied by aircraft was open and empty. Intensive firing with machine guns was heard from the firing range. *

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[] Comment. The statement [] that aerobatics were performed with an excellent skill indicates that the regiment is an old one which was not affected by the changes observed in other fighter units in the fall of 1951. It is believed that the regiment is equipped with about 30 aircraft. The actual aircraft strength has not been determined.

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